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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT

1. AUSTRALIAN SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE WILLESEE
MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON KOREA IN UNGA ON
OCTOBER 3: "AUSTRALIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS COMMISSION IN SEOUL, HAS BEEN SEEKING TO
PREPARE THE GROUND SO THAT THE ASSEMBLY'S HANDLING
OF THE KOREAN QUESTION MAY HELP TO LESSEN TENSION,
FACILITATE ACCOMMODATION AND IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS
OF KOREAN REUNIFICATION. UNCURK ITSELF HAS
TAKEN A TIMELY INITIATIVE IN RECOMMENDING, IN ITS
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THAT IT
SHOULD NOT BE DISSOLVED. AUSTRALIA'S EFFORTS
HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO PROMOTING CONCILIATION AND
CONSENSUS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION. WE WISH TO ENSURE
THAT THE RENEWAL OF THE KOREAN DEBATE SHOULD NOT BE
A POLEMICAL CONFRONTATION WHICH WOULD ONLY BE DETRIMENTAL
TO THE SPIRIT OF HARMONY AND GOOD RELATIONS WHICH WE
ARE SEEKING TO PROMOTE. WE HOPE THAT THE PARTIES
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WILL BE ABLE TO ADJUST TO EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS

WITHOUT TRYING TO PUSH EACH OTHER INTO A CORNER, AND
THAT THE ASSEMBLY WILL ARRIVE AT A CONSTRUCTIVE
CONSENSUS."

2. AUSTRALIAN FIRST SECRETARY CAMPBELL TOLD MISOFF
AFTER SPEECH THAT NEITHER FOREIGN OFFICE NOR
AUSTRALIAN MISSION AWARE THAT WILLESEE STATEMENT WOULD
INCLUDE REFERENCE TO CONSENSUS OR COMPROMISE OF KOREA.
CAMPBELL SAID THIS REFLECTS WHITLAM'S OWN PHILOSOPHY
ON KOREAN QUESTION AND NOT SPECIAL INFORMATION OR
PERCEPTION OF TACTICAL SITUATION.

3. JAPANESE REPORT THAT ROMANIANS HAVE ALREADY PICKED
UP AUSTRALIAN STATEMENT ON KOREA AND HAVE ASKED IF
JAPANESE "HAPPY" WITH SPEECH.
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